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Joint Preparation of the U. S. Portion of World Data Bank II

The Cartography Division of OBGI is currently engaged in the creation of a digital description of world coastlines, boundaries, and rivers at 1:3,000,000 scale, called World Data Bank II. The U. S. Geological Survey (USGS), Topographic Division, and OBGI have informally agreed to cooperate in the preparation of the U. S. portion. The USGS would undertake the manuscript compilation of the U. S. area on CIA prepared grids. The coding and indexing responsibility have not been fixed but CIA will do the digitizing, editing, and merging of the final product. The Census Bureau of the Department of Commerce may become the third partner in the effort. A possible extension of the arrangement may be the USGS manuscript compilation of Canadian and Antarctic sheets for World Data Bank II. There are no CIA support costs in this joint project because the USGS and Census Bureau participation will be a gratis contribution to the CIA World Data Bank II.

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